increased, as otherwise the roads would go from bad to worse. In particular, the early improvement of the following roads was prayed for:—

1. The road from Pathanapuram to Koni and thence to Vadasserikara should be improved as otherwise traffic would be held up next monsoon.

2. The road from Manimala to Rani which was in particularly bad order should be taken up and improved as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. Peermade District road and roads generally.

Mr. R. L. G. Goldsmith (Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association) said that the Church Hill Section of the Cardamom Hill road which connected the Cheenthalaar–Kallar road with the Kottayam–Kumili road should be treated as a public road and that the grant allowed for its maintenance should be increased. He pointed out that the area of cultivated lands using the road had since 1913 increased by about 50% and the improvement of the road would result in further development of lands beyond Cheenthalaar and also increased revenues to Government. He also stated that his Association would willingly co-operate with Government in the matter to the greatest possible extent and also advance from their funds any increased grant to the above road as well as to the Glenmary road.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be considered.

III. PROTECTION.

(1) Legislation (*Concluded*).

101. Criticisms on the report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said that as a result of repeated representations made at the various sessions of the Assembly regarding the difficulties experienced in the collection of *michavarom* and other dues from the Kudiyans, Government sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to enquire into and report on the working of the Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation, V of 1071. The report submitted by the Committee contained damaging statements on matters beyond the scope of the work entrusted to them and detrimental to the interests of the Jenmies. The Jenmi Members had repeatedly represented their disapprobation of those statements. He therefore requested that Government might delete the portions objected to.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH.

(1) Town Improvement Committees.

102. Water supply for the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. V. S. Ramaswami (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that the supply of good water for drinking purposes to the town of Nagercoil was a long-felt want and that, as a result of the repeated representations made to Government on the subject, Government ordered the preparation of a scheme for the introduction of pipe water system in the town and sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 16,700 for the work. The Committee then requested that half the cost of the scheme might be borne by the Government, the other half being met out of the town funds. On this, Government ordered that, if the Committee could not bear the whole cost, they should wait till the new Municipal Bill, under which loans could be raised to carry out such works, became law. The scarcity of pure drinking water in the town, especially in the hot weather, was often the cause of the outbreak of epidemics. The town contained a population of about 40,000 and had become damp and insanitary owing to the percolation of water from the channels running through the town, and the mortality from cholera &c., was increasing year after year. In view of the above circumstances, the Member requested that Government should be pleased to help the Committee by contributing half the estimated cost of the scheme.

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The Member said that, out of the balance of Town Fund amounting to Rs. 23,000, a sum of Rs. 12,000 was required for the works already sanctioned, Rs. 8,000 for the construction of a building for holding the Committee's Office, Rs. 2,000 for other buildings and Rs. 1,000 for a slaughter-house. Further amounts would be required for carrying out certain improvements to the town recently ordered by Government. Thus funds would not be available for the water supply scheme.

The Member pointed out that the Distillery at Nagercoil was a great nuisance. After its establishment in the centre of the town, people could not live there. Though the buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 lakhs and odd, sufficient arrangements had not been made for the removal of the refuse water from the Distillery. The people could not pass through the adjoining roads, the neighbouring tanks and wells were all contaminated and part of the town where the Distillery was located had become uninhabitable on account of the stinking refuse water. The reservoir constructed for holding the refuse water did not serve the purpose and some other arrangement should be made.

Dewan.—Pending the construction of another wash tank, orders will be issued immediately to arrange for the dirty water collecting there being removed daily.

The Member next stated that two toll-gates at Balamore and Suchindrum had been opened by the P. W. D. just outside the town limits and the Committee was rightly entitled to all the proceeds from the toll-gates after allowing a due share for the maintenance of the roads. He requested that, if the toll-gates are not to be abolished, the collections be made over to the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

103. Necessity for revising the town limits of Neyyattinkara.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Neyyattinkara) said that, of all the 19 T. I. C.'s in the State, the Neyyattinkara T. I. C. was the poorest in point of finance. But for the Government grant of Rs. 500, the financial condition of the Committee would have been worse. Ever since the establishment of the Committee, it had not made any appreciable progress. The reason was that due care was not bestowed in fixing the town limits at the time of the constitution of the Committee. The two important trade centres, *viz.*, Balaramapuram and Aralammudu, were not included within the town limits. The former place deserved a Committee more than Neyyattinkara. As a Conservancy station it cost Rs. 500 annually and its sanitation was in a deplorable condition. If that were included within the Neyyattinkara town limits, Government would gain Rs. 500 per annum. At Aralammudu there were a cattle market and a vegetable market on every Wednesday and Saturday. More than 10,000 persons assembled there on market days and the sanitation of the place was not attended to properly. When the Committee requested Government to include Aralammudu within the town limits, they declined to do so on the ground that the place was beyond three miles from the town. If Government were not inclined to include Balaramapuram within the T. I. C. limits, the places up to the 9th mile stone on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road might be brought under the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

104. Suggestions for the better administration of the Town Improvement Committee, Trivandrum.

Mr. S. Adam Sait (Member, Nominated) said that the sanitation of the Trivandrum town was in many respects far from satisfactory and the Town Improvement Committee had of late been the subject of much adverse criticism from the general public. The right of the non-official members to point out defects and suggest remedial measures and also the right of interpellation were entirely nullified by the arbitrary manner in which successive Presidents of the Committee had been dealing with them.

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